

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
UPPER SNAKE FIELD OFFICE**

**Decision Record**

**For the**

**Unnamed Tributary to Champagne Creek Passive Water Management System and  
Removal Actions Right-of-Way IDI-37828 (Unnamed Tributary to Champagne Creek)  
Environmental Assessment DOI-BLM-ID-I010-2014-0011-EA**

**Introduction and Background**

This project consists of installing and maintaining a passive water management system (PWMS), removing or treating mine waste rock materials near Champagne Creek's floodplain, and installing BMP's to reduce erosion and sedimentation. Idaho Gold Corporation (IGC) filed an application for a right-of-way (ROW) to install and maintain this PWMS, encumbering about 2.25 acres in Butte County, Idaho in September 2014.

In addition to the authorization of the ROW, the EA describes impacts from installing BMP's to reduce erosion and sedimentation along the unnamed tributary to Champagne Creek and removal or treatment of waste rock from Champagne Creek's floodplain.

**Decision**

It is my decision to allow for the installation of the PWMS and BMP's and for the removal or treatment of waste rock from Champagne Creek's floodplain.

**Rationale**

Installation of the PWMS and BMP's and removal or treatment of waste rock as described in the Proposed Action meets the purpose and need for this action. Implementing this action will improve water quality characteristics of the unnamed tributary to Champagne Creek, reduce erosion of the unnamed tributary, and remove or treat waste rock impacting Champagne Creek's floodplain.

I have determined that the proposed action is in conformance with the *Big Lost Management Framework Plan/EIS (1982)*. The Big Lost MFP in Decision 2.1 under the Watershed Resource calls for controlling pollution from the Last Chance Mine Group on Champagne Creek.

Based on the analysis of potential environmental impacts contained in DOI-BLM-ID-I010-2014-0011-EA, I have determined that impacts are not expected to be significant and an environmental impact statement is not required.

*/s/ Jeremy Casterson*

Jeremy Casterson, Upper Snake Field Manager

Date: 10/8/2014

**Appeal Information:**

Appeal procedures may be found at *43 CFR 4.21 (58 FR 4939, January 19, 1993) or 43 CFR 2801.10.*